# **COURT MINUTES OF JURY TRIAL**

Andrew Aaron, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 20-CV-1660

Dominick Ratkowski and Joseph Roy,

Defendants.

Hon. Nancy Joseph, presiding. Deputy Clerk: Ross Miller, Evan Romel

Date(s) of Trial: May 1, 2023-May 5, 2023

Court Reporter: Tom Malkiewicz, Susan

Armbruster

**Appearances:** Plaintiff: Kimberly Motley, Milo Schwab, Kathryn Knowlton

**Defendant:** Jasmyne Baynard, Joseph Wirth

<u>Date</u>	Time Called	A.M. Break	Lunch Break	P.M. Break	Time Finished	Court Reporter
5/1/2023	8:42 AM	11:07 AM- 11:18 AM	12:58 PM- 1:59 PM	3:40 PM- 3:56 PM	5:16 PM	T.M
5/2/2023	8:47 AM	10:23 AM- 10:40AM	11:28 AM- 12:30 PM	2:01 PM- 2:18 PM	5:05 PM	S.A.
5/3/2023	8:39 AM	10:06 AM – 10:24 AM	12:01PM- 12:50PM	2:35 PM- 2:53PM	5:07 PM	S.A.
5/4/2023	8:38 AM	10:34 AM- 10:54 AM	12:30 PM- 1:38 PM	2:35 PM- 2:50 PM	5:03 PM	S.A.
5/5/2023	8:42 AM	n/a	n/a	n/a	4:16 PM	S.A.

#### Date

# MONDAY, May 1, 2023

- 8:42 AM Court in session. Case called. Appearances. Discussions held with counsel.
- 8:53 AM Court in recess.
- 8:59 AM Court back in session.
- 9:04 AM Court in recess.
- 9:16 AM Jury Panel enters. Case called. Appearances.
- 9:18 AM Prospective jurors sworn. Voir Dire proceeded.
- 11:07 AM Court in recess.
- 11:18 AM Court in session. Jury Panel in court.
- 11:27 AM Jury of eight selected: Juror numbers 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17.
- 11:30 AM Jurors sworn.
- 11:31 AM Court gives jury instructions.
- 11:46 AM Plaintiffs opening statement.
- 12:12 PM Defendants opening statements.
- 12:45 PM Jury out. Discussion with counsel.

- 12:58 PM Court in recess.
- 1:59 PM Court in session. Discussions with counsel.
- 2:08 PM Jury in.
- 2:10 PM Plaintiffs call Madeleine Schweitzer to the witness stand. Direct.
- 2:20 PM Cross examination of witness.
- 2:27 PM Redirect.
- 2:29 PM Witness excused.
- 2:30 PM Plaintiffs call **Tiffany Stark** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 2:34 PM Cross examination of witness.
- 2:38 PM Redirect.
- 2:39 PM Witness excused.
- 2:40 PM Plaintiffs call **Lauryn Cross** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 2:44 PM Cross examination of witness.
- 2:53 PM Redirect.
- 2:58 PM Witness excused.
- 3:02 PM Plaintiffs call **Sonora Larson** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 3:09 PM Cross examination of witness.
- 3:14 PM Redirect.
- 3:16 PM Re-cross examination.
- 3:16 PM Re-redirect.
- 3:17 PM Jury out. Discussion with counsel.
- 3:40 PM Court in recess.
- 3:56 PM Court in session. Jury in.
- 3:58 PM Plaintiffs call Luke Vetter to the witness stand. Direct.
- 4:54 PM End of direct.
- 4:55 PM Jury out. Discussion with parties.
- 5:16 PM Court in recess.

# TUESDAY May 2, 2023

- 8:47 AM Court in session. Jury in the box. Case called. Appearances.
- 8:48 AM Plaintiffs witness <u>Luke Vetter</u> back on the witness stand. Cross examination.
- 9:56 AM Redirect.
- 10:17 AM Jury out.
- 10:23 AM Court in recess.
- 10:40 AM Court in session. Discussion with counsel.
- 10:42 AM Jury in. Redirect continued.
- 10:51 AM Re-cross examination.
- 10:55 AM Witness excused.
- 10:55 AM Plaintiffs call **Dominick Ratkowski** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 11:26 AM Jury out. Discussion with parties.
- 11:28 AM Court in recess.
- 12:31 PM Court back in session.
- 12:42 PM Jury in.
- 12:43 PM Direct examination of witness continues.
- 1:59 PM Jury out.
- 2:01 PM Court releases Plaintiff Barry Weber from Defendants' subpoena.
- 2:01 PM Court in recess.
- 2:18 PM Court back in session.
- 2:19 PM Jury in.
- 2:20 PM Direct examination of witness continues.

- 3:10 PM Witness steps down.
- 3:12 PM Plaintiffs call **Katie Schuh** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 3:32 PM Cross-examination of witness.
- 3:36 PM Re-direct.
- 3:39 PM Witness excused.
- 3:41 PM Plaintiffs call **John Larry** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 4:01 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 4:06 PM Witness excused.
- 4:07 PM Plaintiffs call Mary Kachelski to the witness stand. Direct.
- 4:17 PM Cross-examination of witness.
- 4:19 PM Re-direct.
- 4:19 PM Witness excused.
- 4:20 PM Jury out. Discussions held with counsel.
- 5:05 PM Court is in recess.

# WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2023

- 8:31 AM Court back in session. Discussions held with counsel.
- 8:39 AM Jury in. Case called. Appearances made.
- 8:41 AM Plaintiffs call **Joseph Roy** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 10:07 AM Court takes the morning break.
- 10:24 AM Court back in session. Jury in.
- 10:25 AM Direct examination of witness.
- 11:45 AM Jury out.
- 11:46 AM Discussions held with counsel.
- 12:01 PM Court is in recess.
- 12:51 PM Court in session. Discussions held with counsel.
- 12:58 PM Witness excused.
- 1:03 PM Jury in.
- 1:05 PM Plaintiffs call **Peter Sparks** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 1:35 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 1:41 PM Witness is excused.
- 1:49 PM Plaintiffs call **Molly Nilssen** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 1:59 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 2:04 PM Redirect.
- 2:04 PM Witness excused.
- 2:06 PM Plaintiff call **James Guckenberg** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 2:22 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 2:23 PM Witness excused.
- 2:24 PM Plaintiffs call **Molly Collins** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 2:30 PM Witness excused.
- 2:31 PM Jury out.
- 2:32 PM Discussions held with counsel.
- 2:35 PM Court in recess.
- 2:53 PM Court back in session.
- 2:54 PM Jury in.
- 2:55 PM Plaintiffs call **Diane Nelson** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 3:01 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 3:08 PM Redirect.
- 3:09 PM Witness excused.
- 3:11 PM Plaintiffs call **Sean Kafer** to the witness stand. Direct.

- 3:21 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 3:24 PM Witness excused.
- 3:25 PM Plaintiffs call **Jill Ferguson** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 3:31 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 3:36 PM Witness excused.
- 3:37 PM Plaintiffs call **Tracy Cole** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 4:00 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 4:01 PM Redirect.
- 4:03 PM Witness excused.
- 4:03 PM The Plaintiffs rest their case in chief.
- 4:04 PM Jury out.
- 4:12 PM Jury in.
- 4:15 PM Defense re-calls **Dominick Ratkowski** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 4:56 PM Jury out.
- 4:57 PM Discussions held with counsel.
- 5:03 PM Juror #12 in. Discussion with Juror #12.
- 5:04 PM Juror #12 out. Discussion with parties.
- 5:07 PM Court is in recess.

#### THURSDAY May 4, 2023

- 8:35 AM Court back in session. Discussions held with counsel.
- 8:38 AM Jury in the box. Case called. Appearances made.
- 8:39 AM Direct examination of defense witness **Dominick Ratkowski** continues.
- 9:38 AM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 10:34 AM Jury out. Court in recess.
- 10:54 AM Court back in session.
- 10:59 AM Jury in.
- 11:00 AM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 12:30 PM Jury out. Court in recess.
- 1:38 PM Court back in session. Jury in.
- 1:39 PM Redirect of witness.
- 1:47 PM Re-cross-examination of the witness.
- 1:55 PM Re-Redirect.
- 1:55 PM Witness excused.
- 1:57 PM Defense calls **Shane Wrucke** to the witness stand. Direct.
- 2:19 PM Cross-examination of the witness.
- 2:29 PM Redirect.
- 2:31 PM Witness excused.
- 2:32 PM Defense rests.
- 2:33 PM Plaintiff rests.
- 2:34 PM Jury out. Court in recess.
- 2:50 PM Court back in session. Discussions held with counsel.
- 3:01 PM Jury in.
- 3:03 PM Jury out.
- 3:05 PM Court breaks.
- 3:21 PM Court back in session. Discussions held with counsel.
- 5:03 PM Court is in recess.

# **FRIDAY May 5, 2023**

- 8:42 AM Court back in session. Case called. Appearances made.
- 8:43 AM Discussions held with counsel.
- 8:52 AM Jury in the box. Case called.
- 8:54 AM Court gives jury instructions.
- 9:08 AM Plaintiffs closing arguments.
- 9:38 AM Defense closing arguments.
- 10:17 AM Plaintiff rebuttal.
- 10:44 AM Court gives final jury instructions.
- 11:02 AM CSO sworn.
- 11:03 AM Jury out to deliberate.
- 11:04 AM Discussions held with counsel.
- 11:08 AM Court in recess.
- 11:49 AM Court in session. Discussion with counsel about communication from jury.
- 12:05 PM Court in recess.
- 12:40 PM Court in session. Discussion with counsel about communication from jury.
- 1:00 PM Court in recess.
- 1:04 PM Court in session. Discussion with counsel about communication from jury.
- 1:08 PM Court in recess.
- 2:41 PM Court in session. Discussion with counsel about communication from jury.
- 2:42 PM Court in recess.
- 2:52 PM Court in session. Discussion with counsel about communication from jury.
- 2:56 PM Court in recess.
- 3:00 PM Court in session. Discussion with counsel about communication from jury.
- 3:05 PM Court in recess.
- 3:32 PM Court in session. Discussion with counsel about communication from jury.
- 3:37 PM Court in recess.
- 4:11 PM Court in session. Jury in.
- 4:12 PM Verdict read on the record. Court polled the Jury.
- 4:15 PM Jury excused from trial.
- 4:16 PM Court in recess.